The Law of 1877 to Be Strictly Enforced.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER MADE

Publication to Be Given by the Assessor.

THE SCHEDULE

The District Commissioners ordered today that immediate steps be taken for the enforcement of what is known as "the personal tax law" in the District of Columbia. The law was passed in 1877, but has never been enforced, for a long time now having been regarded as a dead letter. Mr. H. H. Darneille, the District assessor, recently called the Commissioners' attention to the law, and expressed the opinion that it was impracticable of enforcement. The matter was referred to Mr. A. B. Duvall, the attorney for the District, who rendered an opinion that the law was maintainable.

Commissioner Ross, who has supervision of the offices of the assessor and the collector of taxes, took the initiative in preparing for the enforcement of the law. It is stated that a test case will probably be made, and opinions differ as to whether the courts will hold the law valid or not. The order adopted by the Commissioners upon motion of Mr. Ross is as follows:

The Commissioners' Order.

"Ordered: That in view of the opinion of the attorney for the District of Columbia. dated May 20, 1901, that the personal tax law of said District is maintainable and its provisions enforceable, the assessor and the collector of taxes of said District are hereby directed to take the necessary proceedings to carry said law into effect."

In indersing Mr. Ross' motion Commissioner Macfarland wrote:

"I approve this recommendation solely for the purpose of having a test case made, so that the validity of the law may be passed upon by the courts."

The Engineer Commissioner, Capt. Beach,

in his indorsement on the motion, says: "Individually I am opposed to a personal tax law, especially in the District of Columbia, where the conditions of residence are such as to make the collection of such are such as to make the collection of such a tax practically impossible. If the law is valid, however, the Commissioners have no option in the matter, and it becomes their duty to enforce it, whether it is agreeable to their personal views or not. I therefore approve the recommendation that the order

When Mr. Ross was seen by a reporter for The Star and asked his opinion in the matter he simply said: "I have always deemed it a duty to exute the laws which are on the statute books, in accordance with the oath taken y me in assuming office."
Further than this Mr. Ross had nothing

The Assessor's Notice. In compliance with the order of the Com-

missioners, Mr. Darneille, the assessor, at once prepared a notice for publication. It

"Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the District of Columbia have required by section 10 of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1877, imposing a tax on personal property in the District of Columbia, and a copy of such schedule will be delivered to any citizen applying there-for at this office. The law provides that to and returned to the assessor within orty-five days after this notice. This law ommissioners of the District of Colum-

The schedules for the return of persona property prepared by the assessor, and which will be issued from his office, state the personal property tax to be \$1.50 per \$100. They provide that the schedules shall e returned to the assessor's office on or fore August 1, 1901, under a nepalty of an additional charge of 50 per cent for any delay beyond that date, for the taxable year ending June 30, 1902, and payable at the same time and same rate as real estate. Ine schedule gives the list of property taxable in a statement that must be sworn to by the individual taxpayer as follows:

The Schedule.

"Credits-Stocks, bonds and securities of all kinds, including those pledged as collaterals owned or held by me, deeds of trust, notes, money at interest and other debts due me on the 1st day of June, 1901, more than I am indebted for or pay interest

"Household chattels-At a fair market value, on the 1st day of June, 1901, over and above the \$500 exempt by law, including furniture, gold, silver, plated and china ware, jeweiry, watches, libraries, planos, musical instruments, statuary, paintings, agricultural and mechanic's tools, implements and machinery, horses and other antmals, carriages, wagons and other vehicles. This value has not been offset or decreased by any debts due for the same.
"Other personal property which has not been enumerated in this schedule and which

is not, to my knowledge, especially ex-Vessels or parts of vessels of every de-scription, at home or abroad, with their

stores and appurtenances.

Trust: Goods held in trust taxable under the law of the District.
"Goods, wares and merchandise, or any

other stock in trade: Taken at the fair average marketable value of the amount held during the twelve months preceding the 1st day of July, 1900; when in business only a part of the year pro rata. The of goods, wares, merchandise or stock in trade, has not been offset or de-creased by any debts due for the same, or by any liabilities whatever.

'Capital stock of a corporation: All the shares to be appraised in bulk, at a fair marketable value, on the 1st day of June, 1981, and deduct the assessed value of all real estate owned by said corporation."

It is stated on the schedule that five classes of exemption exist under the law

The first and second-Relate to real es

Third class-Property exempt from taxation by the laws of the United States other than those for the government of the District of Columbia.

Fourth class Goods, chattels and other personal property owned by persons tem-porarily residing in the District of Columda, and which property is taxed elsewhere.
"Fifth class—Personal property not held or sale to the value of \$500. Corporations, not exempted specifically by Congress, are taxable on their capital stock. Assessments thereon are paid by

the corporations, and not by the individual the corporations, and not by the increases stockholders."

In his opinion upholding the personal tax law, the attorney for the District did not go into any of the details, simply say-

ing that he believed it to be enfo

Mr. Darneille's Letter. Darneille's communication, which

called forth the opinion and the consequent action by the Commissioners, was submitted to them April 12, and in it he "In the hearings before the committee

on appropriations of the House of Representatives at the first session of the Fifty weil, I was asked why I did not enforce the personal tax law, to which I replied that the law was inoperative from the fact that the original board of assessors, whose duty It was to levy an assessment on personal property, had been abolished, and there was no provision of law, I had been in-formed, which authorized the assessor to perform the duties prescribed for the

oard of three assessors.
"When I assumed control of the office I found that the personal tax law had been considered a dead letter for many years The reason therefor I believe to be as follows: Section 12 of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1877 (xix, 401), directed iumbia to 'appoint three competent persons to be assessors, who were to hold office for five years, unless sooner removed,' who should, under the direction of the super-

A PERSONAL TAX intendent of assessments and taxes of District, assess all real and personal property in said District liable to taxation, &c.
"On December 21, 1878, the board of Com-Messrs. Phelps, Dent and Major Twining, pursuant to authority vested in them by the organic act of June 11, 1878, to abolish any office, consolidate two or more of-

fices,' &c., passed the following order. First, that two of the offices of assessor be abolished; second, that the remaining office of assessor be consolidated with of-fice of treasurer and the office of superintendent of assessments and taxes, under the name of 'treasurer and assessor's of-fice,' and later fixed the salary of the treasurer and assessor at \$3,000 per an-num from January 1, 1879.

"The act of March 3, 1881, abolished after the 30th day of June, 1881, the office of treasurer of the District, and on July 1. 1881, the Commissioners passed an order that the incumbent of the office of treasurer should continue to act as assessor.

Cannot Be Enforced.

"Now, from the above recital of facts, it is quite clear to my mind that the law relating to personal taxes cannot be enforced. for the reason that the Commissioners, by their order of December 21, 1878, abolished two of the board of assessors instead of consolidating the three into one, as provided by the organic act, and then further consolidating the latter with the other offices, created the flaw of technicality, which, in my opinion, renders the said law, inoperative as to the assessor being the successor of the board and authorized to enforce the same; and I have the honor to recommend that the opinion of the attorney be requested on the subject.

"Now, as to my position on a personal tax law that could be enforced, about which I have been misunderstood or mis-quoted, I desire to state that I am unequivocally opposed to such a law in the District for a great many reasons, and have taken occasion several times to so state in recom-mendations made to the Commissioners. I believe it would be just as equitable to levy a poll tax on our citizens as a personal tax, for Washington is a cosmopolitan city, a larger portion of the population of which consists of senators, representatives, statesmen, politicians, army and navy officers, and a large army of officeholders, who enjoy the same police, fire and other munici-pal protection as do our citizens, but who, from the fact that they are from different states and exercise the right to vote therein, could not be reached by a personal tax law here. And, on the other hand, it has been argued that there ought to be a stringent personal tax law on account of a few rich people coming here and escaping taxation elsewhere. On that point I wish to say that it is better to let a few escape than to pass a measure oppressive to the large mass of the people, for I believe in the principle of the greatest good to the greatest number, and being satisfied that a stringent personal law would be an unjust under the circumstances, I cannot but be against it. I am still of the opin-ion, however, that stock in trade should be taxed, for it is not fair to license one class business enterprise and let another go

BRITISH ARMY ORGANIZATION.

Dawkins Committee Makes Some Pertinent Recommendations.

LONDON, June 6.-Simplification and decentralization are the keynotes of the report issued today by the committee, under the chairmanship of Clinton E. Dawkins, appointed to inquire into the war office organization. The abolition is recommended of the present system of ruling the army by minute and irritating regulations, both military and financial. The committee considers the war office ought to be relieved by the decentralization of a mass of rouwill be officially published six consecutive | tine work now absorbing the energies of secular days, beginning June 15, and reads the high officials and preventing proper attention to important military questions.

Further decentralization should be se-

cured by an enlargement of the powers and responsibilities of the officers commanding caused to be prepared blank schedules for districts, and, finally, a permanent war personal property subject to taxation, as office board ought to be established, which, under the authority of the secretary of state should control the business of the war office as a whole, without detracting from the individual responsibilities of the commander-in-chief and heads of depart-

> TRAGEDY AT FLINT, MICH. Mrs. Jennie Parrish Shot to Death by Lewis Weeks.

FLINT, Mich. June 6.-Mrs. Jennie Parish, a widow aged thirty-four, was shot and almost instantly killed by Lewis Weeks last night in her home here. Weeks came to Mrs. Parish's home and demanded admittance, but was refused. He broke in the door, and then told Mrs. Parish he had come to kill her, at the same time firing two shots into her right side. Weeks escaped.

SECRETARY MORSE'S REPORT. special Work of the Y. M. C. A. in

Parish named Weeks as her slaver before

witnessed the shooting.

Foreign Lands. BOSTON, June 6 .- The committee of arrangement for the jubilée Y. M. C. A. convention June 11 to 16 made public today the biennial report of the international committee, R. C. Morse, New York, secretary. In substance it was as follows: The work in the Philippines has produced excellent results, winning the confidence and esteem of civil officers as well

as those of the army and navy. In co-operation with the provincial committee of Ontario and Quebec three representatives were sent with the detachments of Canadian troops serving in South Africa.
At Cavite, P. I., the authorities have granted the use of a building, and this has been fitted up by the committee, and a very helpful work is being prosecuted. In the last two years the number of railread associations has increased from 137 to 161. There are 648 student associations. The work of the business department committee has greatly enlarged, and the

Organizations now extend from the northern border of Mexico to Skagway and Cape Nome, above the arctic circle. colored men's department enters upon its work in the new century with eighty-one associations, sixty-two of which are among students and twenty-one among

number of denors has increased from 2,000

The statement of the treasurer shows that the receipts during the last fiscal year were \$136,839 for home work; publi-cation accounts were \$31,937; foreign work, \$39,320. The number of men in the work

Minister Corea's Vacation Trip. The minister from Nicaragua, Mr. Corea, will leave for London and Paris on the 25th instant. He was at the State Department today and made known the purpose of this visit. It is said to be entirely a pleasure trip. But as Lord Pauncefote has now left for London, where he will take up to a canal treaty. Mr. Corea's presence in London will afford him the opportunity of being close to the scene of developments in which Nicaragua is interested.

Dr. Herman Baar of New York is the ruest of his brother, Mr. Lewis Baar. Mr. W. S. McKean is in the city for a couple of days. He is now the manager of the New Kenmore Hotel in Albany, N. Y. Dr. Charles W. Brown has returned from a trip to the Pacific coast.

Arthur H. DeRiemer has received an ap-

Constructor Capps Gives Credit to the Men.

pointment in the pension office.

The Navy Department has received a letter from Naval Constructor Capps, who was recently given official commendation for the successful removal of the large gun of the Kearsarge from the turret of that ship. Mr. Capps gives the credit for that performance largely to the men, and says:
"I have the honor to thank the department and the commandant for their appreciative letters in reference to this work, and in accepting these congratulations, beg to do so not only personally, but in behalf of the employes of this department, without whose earnest, intelligent and skillful co-operation such work would not be possible."

Another Trial for the Stockton. The torpedo boat Stockton is to have another trial trip next week.

Amalgamated Copper Company Decides to Make Purchases.

SPECIAL MEETING HELD TODAY

Boston and Montana and Butte and Montana the Properties.

SUIT TO RESTRAIN SALE

NEW YORK, June 6.- The Amalgamated Copper Company held a special meeting in Jersey City today to vote on the proposition to increase the company's capital stock from \$75,000,000 to \$155,000,000. Interest had been added to the meeting by the injunction proceedings started yesterday by the opponents of the Boston and Montana Copper Co. to prevent the deal from going through today.

Vice Chancellor Stevens issued an order restraining the merger, but permitting the holding of today's meeting in order that the sentiment of the stockholders might be

obtained. There were 591,300 shares represented out of a total of 750,000 shares-more than the two-thirds required to indorse the purchase proposition. Clarence H. Venner of Boston, for the opposition, moved that all proxies held by Messrs. Stillman, Flower, Bason and Jordan be rejected as illegal. This was voted down, and Counsel John A. Garver, for the Amalgamated, then read report by a special committee, recommend-ing the acquisition of the Boston and Montana and Butte mining companies.

Resolutions to approve the purchase of the Boston and Montana and the Butte and Boston companies were adopted, only 304 shares voting against them. Another resolution makes the carrying of the plan subject to the approval of the chancery

The purchase price mentioned in the res olutions is five and one-half shares of Amalgamated stock for one share of Bos-ton and Montana stock and one and onethird shares of Butte and Boston stock. G. H. Venner opposed the adoption of the

The bill states that Kidder, Peabody & Co. and the Bigelows and Ladd have en-tered into an unlawful agreement to acquire all the Montana stock and exchange it for Amalgamated stock, one to four.
The bill also alleged that the deal is contrary to public policy, forbidden by common and statute law; that the value of the Boston and Montana stock will be dissi-pated and forfeited to the state.

A temporary injunction, pending a hear-ing and permanent injunction estopping the combination, was asked for. Judge Knowl ton granted an order of notice returnable June 11. The defendants agree not to transfer the Montana stock in their pos session to the Amalgamated until after the hearing.

THE AYRES TRAGEDY.

Ayres' Room Duplicated for Benefit of Grand Jury.

A portion of the grand fury room at the city hall was fitted up today to represent as closely as possible the room occupied at the Kenmore Hotel by James Seymour Ayres, jr., at the time he met his death. The bloody carpet was spread out, the iron bedstead was in position and trunks and other articles were also called into service. Mr. M. R. Warfield, brother of the proprietor of the Kenmore, was before the grand jury during the greater portion of the session today. Up to a late hour this afternoon no additional witnesses

had been summoned to appear. spector of buildings, was completing this afternoon a large drawing showing the plan of the fourth floor of the Kenmore Hotel, and giving in detail the position of every article in Avres' room the morning of the killing, as well as the position of the body when found. This drawing will be used at the trial.

So far as the officials of the United States attorney's office would admit there were no developments today in the case. Mrs. Bonine has been in fall sixteen days. proved, and she has gained in weight, it is Today she was called upon by a dentist to look after her teeth, but she declined

she died. Her daughter Carrie, aged twelve, NEW STEAMER FOR MORGAN LINE. El Valle Reaches New York Fron

see him.

Newport News. NEW YORK, June 6.-The new freight steamer El Valle reached this port today from Newport News. The El Valle is the ninth vessel of the same type of 400-footers that has been built since the Spanish war by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, and under the direction of Horace See, for the Morgan line of the Southern Pacific Railway Company. She was launched March 9 last. There are still in course of construction El Dia, El Siglo and El Alba. The El Valle is 406 feet long, 48 feet beam and 33.9 feet deep, with a tonnage of 4,665 gross and 2,906 net. Like the others of the line, she is supplied with proved appliances for handling freight and ecommodations for the comfort of the officers and crew. She has two pole masts and

one smokestack. She is of steel. WILL PLEAD INSANITY.

Outline of the Defense in the Ken

nedy Murder. KANSAS CITY, June 6.-In the trial of Lulu Price-Kennedy today, charged with killing her husband, Philip Kennedy, contracting agent of an eastern transportation company. counsel outlined the plan of defense. He charged Kennedy with having ruined the defendant, and, after telling of the wedding at the court house, declared that the defendant, brooding over her ill treatment, developed a condition of hystria bordering on insanity. Insanity, he said, was prevalent in the woman's family and she partook thereof. The application for divorce made by the husband precipitated the shooting, and it will be shown, he declared, that the defendant's father and brother took no part therein.

Candidates for Appointment. Fifty-nine men were examined by the United States civil service commission today for appointment as privates in the police department. It is understood there are vacancies already awaiting some of the successful candidates when they shall have been placed on the eligible list. The inder, or as many as are neces will be placed on the rolls on the lst of July, in accordance with the law passed by Congress at the last session for the in There will be forty additions to the fore

Pensions were granted today to citizens of the District of Columbia as follows: Increase, Wm. H. Fletcher, Soldiers' Home, \$8. Original widows, Georgianna McElfresh, \$8. War with Spain, original, John W. Dawson, Soldiers' Home, \$12.

New Patent Office Elevator The contract for installing an elevator in

the west wing of the patent office building was today awarded to the Eilithorpe Elevator Works of Chicago. The contract price is \$5,200, and the elevator is to be in operation in three months.

Maryland and Virginia Postmasters S. F. Spedden was today appointed postmaster at Hills Point, Dorchester county, Md., vice J. E. Seward, resigned. L. A. Goodman was today appointed post-master at Burke's Garden, Tazewell coun-ty, Va., vice R. F. Goodman, dead.

Steamship Arrival. At New York-Deutschland, from Ham-

THE PORTO RICAN DECISION MAKES THEM UNEASY.

They Think Revenues of the Islands Will Fall Below What is

MANILA. June 6.—The fragmentary news received here of the Porto Rican decisions has caused apprehension that there will be such a deficit in the Philippine revenues that Congress will need to make an appropriation to meet it. Fears are also expressed as to the result of the application of jury trials and other features of the Constitution not suited to the conditions of the Philippines.

Importers are preparing claims for a refunding of the duties paid. Gen. Chaffee and his staff were conveyed

direct to the Malacanan palace today, where a private conference between Gens. Chaffee and MacArthur took place. Gen. Chaffee informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that, while he was not sure of the general capacity of orientals for self-government, he favored the establishment of civil control in the Philippines at the earliest practicable moment. He was in full sympathy with the commission's plans for native education and business advancement, because the United business advancement, because the United States' interests and native interests lie in the same line. It seems certain that under a plain division of civil and military au-thority Judge Taft and Gen. Chaffee will

collaborate admirably.
Capt. Algalogo and his aid have been killed by Wray's command at Dousol, Albay province. Reilly's Battery has sailed for the United States on board the transport Packling.

TO RELIEVE GEN. STERNBERG. Col. W. H. Forwood Ordered to Re-

port Here. SAN FRANCISCO, June 6 .- Col. Wm. H. Forwood, assistant surgeon general of the United States army and chief surgeon of the department of California, who has been ordered to report at Washington, will start on Monday. He will assume the duties of chief medical officer while Gen. Sternberg is making a tour of inspection of the Phil-

TO ABANDON DOUBLE TARIFF.

German States Make Concessions to Foster Trade. BERLIN, June 6 .- As one of the results of yesterday's tariff convocation, the correspondent of the Associated Press learns reliably that Prussia and a number of the larger German states have abandoned the idea of the so-called double tariff; that is to say, maximal and minimal, which com-

factory commercial treaties. STEAMER ASSYRIAN ASHORE. Leyland Liner Likely to Prove a Total

mercial circles considered the main obsta-cle in concluding new and mutually satis-

ST. JOHNS, N. F., June 6 .- The Leyland Line steamer Assyrian, from Antwerp for Montreal, with 2,000 tons of cargo, went ashore off Cape Race at midnight. She had eleven feet of water in her forehold, and is likely to prove a total wreck. Her crew had great difficulty in escaping and reaching the shore. No further details are ob-tainable at present. The steamer Algerine is being dispatched to the scene of the wreck by Lloyds agents.

SURGEON BOND A SUICIDE.

Threy Himself From Third Story of a House.

well-known surgeon, committed suicide today by throwing himself from a third-story

He had been suffering from melancholia for some time. Dr. Bond, besides being the late Mr. Gladstone's surgeon, was noted in connection with investigations and discov eries in the cases of several sensational crimes, notably the Lefroy, Lamson and Camp murders.

AWFUL WORK OF CRAZY BOY.

Kills Sister and Brother and Finally Shoots Himself.

TOLEDO, Ohio, June 6.-Leroy Grove, the sixteen-year-old son of a prosperous farmer living near Napoleon, stabbed his sister, aged twenty-four, to the heart, killing her instantly. He then strangled his thirteen-year-old brother, and, firing the barn, ran in and shot himself through

the temple.

The tragedy occurred just after midnight. His charred body was recovered this morn-ing. It is supposed he was insane, made stripe.

G. W. BENTLEY KILLS HIMSELF. Well-Known Railroad Man Died or

Daughter's Grave. NORWICH, Conn., June 6.-George W. Bentley of New York city, well known in railroad circles, shot himself last night over the grave of his daughter in the city cemetery here. His body was found this morning. It is supposed that he came to this city last evening and went directly to the cemetery. He was a native of Norwich.

For six years Mr. Bentley was superintendent of the New London and Northern railroad, a part of the Central Vermont system, with headquarters in New London, and afterward was superintendent of the Tampa Bay and Key West railroad in Florida. Of late he has been engaged in the railroad supplies business in New York. He was seventy-five years old.

BALLOONS FOR E. B. BALDWIN. To Be Used in His Explorations in the

Arctic. QUINCY, Ill., June 6.-Evelyn B. Baldwin, arctic explorer, was here to confer with his cousins, Samuel and Thomas Baldwin, aeronauts, who have been making a number of balloons for the explorer. The test of a large hydron-gas balloon was to

have been made here yesterday, but was prevented by a heavy rain and hailstorm. About forty small balloons already have About forty small balloons already have been shipped to Tromsoe, Norway, to be used on the expedition in taking meteoro-logical and scientific observations. Ex-plorer Baldwin goes from here to visit relatives in southeastern Kansas. He will sail from New York Wednesday, June 12, and will meet his ship America at Dundee.

POSTMASTER AT ROCKVILLE.

Appointment of James P. B. Veirs An The President this afternoon appointed

James P. Ba Vetrs postmaster at Rockville, Md. and
The commission will be forwarded to the appointee this evening. Mr. Veirs was indorsed for the office of postmaster by Representative Pearre of the sixth congressional district of Maryland. The particle of the sixth congressional district of Maryland. pers in the case, together with the indorse-ment of the fourth assistant postmaster general, were transmitted to the President

Novel Entertainment Free.

A novel concert is to be given at the Co lumbia Theater at 4:15 o'clock tomorrow afternoon; to which the public has been invited free of cost. Six large Monarch gramophones will be operated simultaneously, constituting the "multiphone." A pleasing program of the best music has been selected, and those who have listened to the tone quality of the production predict most pleasing results. Will Filed for Probate.

The entire estate is left to his wife, Lydia L. Domer, who is named executrix without By the terms of the will of William Brown, dated February 17, 1897, and placed on record this afternoon, his estate is left to his wife, Rachel Brown, for life.

BIG DEAL IN MINES MANILA MERCHANTS' FEARS WOMEN KIDNAPERS

Attempt to Steal Two Children of Arthur Van Sicklen.

LAWYER, OF WHITESTONE, L. I

Only Prevented by the Approach of a Neighbor.

TOOK TRAIN FOR NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 6.-Arthur Van Sicklen, a lawyer and president of the Commercial Mutual Life Insurance Company of America, whose office is in Jersey City, and who resides in Whitestone, L. I., called at the police station in Whitestone today and reported that an attempt had been made to steal his two children yesterday afternoon. The children are George W. Van Sicklen, second, six years old, and Edward Van Sicklen, a little over one year

Mr. Van Sicklen said that his children were playing in front of his residence yesterday afternoon, when they were approached by two well-dressed women who offered them candy and asked them if they would not like to accompany them to New York. The children became frightened and began to cry. Just then a man approached and the women went hastily down a side street and hurried to the rail road station, where they caught a train for New York. Persons who were around the depot at the time and who noticed the women say they appeared to be greatly ex-

ACCIDENT TO THE OCEANIC. Liner Puts Back to Liverpool With

Damaged Propeller. LIVERPOOL, June 6.-The White Star Line steamer Oceanic, which sailed from Liverpool for New York, via Queenstown, yesterday, returned here today, having damaged one of her propellers. The damage was repaired, and the steamer sailed again at 10 a.m. QUEENSTOWN, June 6.-About 250 pa sengers and 500 sacks of mail are awaiting the arrival here of the White Star line steamer Oceanic, which had to put back to

Liverpool after sailing yesterday owing to damaged propeller. LUTHERANS PINISHING UP.

Work of the Synod at Des Moines Nearly Over. DES MOINES, Iowa, June 6.-This was the closing day of the forty-third general synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Many reports were read, including that of the deaconness board, the Sunday school board, common service and temperance committees. Rev. E. J. Wolfe of Gettysburg, Pa., submitted a revised report on the condition of the church, which was immediately adopted in place of the first re-

port, which aroused a storm of protests from the delegates earlier in the week. Discussion of the proposed abandonment of missionary work in Africa and the devotion of the African fund to work among the negroes of this country continued. Coniderable opposition developed in spite of the committee's report to the effect that the only evidence of many years' work in Africa was a coffee field and a cemetery.

F. S. JONES' BODY FOUND. LONDON, June 6.-Dr. Thomas Bond, a He Was Drowned Two Years Ago in Rivanna River.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. ters of the Rivanna river have cast up the long-lost body of F. S. Jones, who was drowned two years ago near Shadwell. He set out to visit Dr. G. S. Wise at Edge Hill. The colored driver refused to try the stream, and Mr. Jones forced the horse

into the water with the whip. Horse and man were both swept away. No trace of the body was found until today. It was identified by his scarf pin and other jewelry. He was a fluent linguist, speaking many languages, and long held post as interpreter in the State Departin Washington.

Mr. Jones was also at one time an attache of the American legation in Bueno

BRITISH GAIN A VICTORY.

Col. Wilson Severely Defeats Part of Beyer's Command. PRETORIA, Wednesday, June 5.-Colonel Wilson, with 240 of Kitchener's scouts, surprised and routed 400 Boers belonging to Beyer's command, thirty-four miles west of Warm Baths. The Boers resisted stubbornly, but, finally, broke and fled, leaving thirty-seven dead, a hundred prisoners and all their wagons and supplies, including 8,000 cattle, in the hands of the British. The loss of the latter was three men killed

and fifteen wounded. Beyer's main command arrived on scene soon after the engagement, but falled in an attempt to recapture the supplies Bever was thus left, practically without

COLD WAVE IN NORTHWEST.

any transport or supplies.

Killing Frosts at Points in Idaho and BOISE, Idaho, June 6.- This vicinity was visited by a severe frost, the like of which has not been known at this season for fifteen years. The government weather bureau at Boise reports a temperature of 30.

while places throughout the valley report temperatures as low as 26 degrees. Fruit is damaged seriously, though the extent of the loss cannot yet be determined. In the Grand Ronde valley in Oregon there was BAKER CITY, Ore., June 6.—The coldes June weather for a period of twenty years has been recorded in Baker City.

mercury fell 6 degrees below the freezing point. Ice over an inch thick was formed in pools of water on the streets. All fruit such as cherries, apples, pears and prunes and plums were killed and vegetables were destroyed. So far as known growing grain was not seriously injured.

ACTOR ATTEMPTS SUICIDE. Horsee Pell Shoots Himself in Cleve-

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 6 .- Horace Pell, a member of the stock company which s playing at the Euclid Avenue Opera House, attempted suicide by shooting himself in the right side in his room at the Wyandotte early today. The bullet went clear through his body and embedded itself in the opposite wall. Very little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Pell is twenty-eight years old. His mother is said to live at 543 5th avenue. New York. The young man has for some time past suffered from insomnia, and this is supposed to have led to the attempt to commit suicide. The physicians say Pell's endition is critical. NEW YORK, June 6.-Pell is a son of

NEW YORK, June 6.—Pell is a son of Mrs. John Howland Pell of this city, and it is said was possessed of ample means to embark in business had he not preferred to go on the stage. Long before he joined the dramatic profession Pell showed a fondness for it by dabbling in amateur theatricals. His family opposed his ambition, and when he went abroad early in 1899 it was thought that he had been convinced of the wisdom of their advice. But while he was at Dinard, France, he took the leading role The will of Rev. Dr. Samuel Domer, dated July 1, 1896, was filed today for probate. at Dinard, France, he took the leading role in an amateur play, "My Lord in Irony," scoring so great a success that his stage ambition was revived. On his return to New York in the fall he lliam gained his family's reluctant consent and obtained a professional engagement. His first appearance thereafter was in "The Surprises of Love," in this city.

STARTLING DISCOVERY MADE THIS MORNING BY GEORGE WAGNER.

His Wife Passed Away While He Was

Mrs. Matilda Wagner, sixty-one years old,

who has conducted a hairdressing estab-

Asleep-An Investigation Ordered.

lishment at 1826 14th street northwest for a number of years, was found dead in bed at her home, No. 1411 Pierce place northwest, about 3 o'clock this morning. Her husband, George Wagner, who is a chiropodist at the 14th street place of business, found his wife's body. Later in the morning he informed the police of her sudden death and the coroner was summoned. Dr. Nevitt viewed the body and expressed the belief that death was due to natural causes. but in order to determine the exact cause he directed that an autopsy be performed. Before her death Mrs. Wagner was asked by her husband what she had eaten and per response was "white powder." When Mr. Wagner gave this information to the police and coroner the officers deemed an investigation necessary. A box containing a white powder found in the house was turned over to the police. Detectives Peck and McNamee were assigned to the case and they visited the house, where Mr. Wagher explained to them the circumstances of his wife's illness. He said he went out for a walk last night when his wife started to take a bath and when he returned home he found her suffering from an attack of cramps. She had been similarly afflicted before and applications of mustard, both internally and externally, had relieved her. When Mrs. Wagner said she did not want physician, Mr. Wagner went to their place of business, where they also took their meals, to get some mustard. Not finding any there, he returned and gave his wife the whites of several eggs and ome milk. It was then about 11 o'clock, and an hour later Mr. Wagner found his wife asleep and apparently well. He then retired for the night, and about 3 o'clock in the morning he went to her room to inquire if anything were needed. Her fore-head was cold and the husband realized that the worst had happened. He knew his wife, who had been his companion for

The son-in-law, Mr. George I. Kroeger, and his wife came over on an early train. Last Friday they were here to attend the thirty-third anniversary of the wedding of the old people, not expecting they would have to return account. have to return so soon on such a sad er-

thirty-three years, was beyond the point where a physician could be of any service. He then left the house and sent a telegram

to his daughter and son-in-law in Balti-

Captain Boardman had a photograph taken of the room and body before any-thing was disturbed. Deputy Coroner Glazebrook was out of the city today and the autopsy will be performed by Dr. Fisher, who was formerly connected with the Children's Hospital. The result of the autopsy will not be known until late this Scheduled for Consideration Monday.

ndicted for the larceny of valuable jew-

nard in Criminal Court No. 1 tomorrow. At the same time Mortimer will be arraigned. His trial is set for Monday next.

To Answer an Indictment. Ray T. Gordon was placed under arrest at 1220 H street this afternoon by Detectives Muller and Baur and surrendered to the United States marshal to answer an indictment, alleging forgery, that has been reported against him. The indictment sets forth that the defendant, October 20, 1897. S. A., as an indorsement on a promissory note for \$35. Accompanied by a deputy marshal the defendant at a late hour started in quest of a bondsman.

Asks That Bollers Be Inspected. The District Commissioners have received intendent of the Washington Asylum, requesting that the inspector of bollers be instructed to inspect the boilers in use in the institution as early as convenient, in order that necessary repairs, etc., may be included in the estimates for the next fiscal

Germans Victims of Cannibals. BERLIN. June 6.-The Tageblatt prints special correspondence from New Guinea containing a full account of the massacre of the members of the first German South sea expedition on the cannibal islands of St. Matthias. They were all killed and eaten, save a Doctor Heinroth. St. Matthias.

"Sister Lucy" Wins at Epsom. LONDON, June 6 .- The Sister Lucy filly (Martin) won the Riddlesdown plate at the Epsom summer meet today. Col. H. Mc-Calmont's Isle of Man (Maher) was second, and Boy of Egremond, owned by Clayton, finished third.

Secretary White Gives a Luncheon. LONDON, June 6.-Henry White, secreary of the United States embassy, gave a luncheon today in honor of Morris K. Jesup, Cornelius N. Bliss and other of the delegates of the New York chamber of com-A. J. Balfour, Ambassador Choate and Mr. Brodrick, the war secretary.

To Foster Trade With Germany.

NEW YORK, June 6.-Among the passen gers who sailed today on the Fuerst Bismarck was Mr. Joseph Brucker of the Chicago, Ill., Staats Zeltung, who goes to Berliu to establish there a weekly trade journal, which will be devoted exclusively to the promotion of American German nmercial relations. Local Government for Cavite.

MANILA, June 5 .- Commissioners Taft, Wright and Ide are at Cavite today establishing a provincial government. They were formally welcomed by Col. Goodrell and the local dignitaries, in the town hall. Judge Taft spoke, outlining the commis-

Senator Hanna a Colonel Now. CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 6 .- Senator M. A. Hanna has been appointed a colonel on the official staff of General Rassieur, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.
Senator Hanna was recently mustered into the G. A. R. as a member of Memorial

Baltimore Markets.

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Baltimore June 6.—Flour dull, unchanged; receipts, 6.831 barrels; exports, 35.206 barrels. Wheat quiet and lower; exports, 74.2774; the month, 774.774; July, 754.754; August, 744.2744; steamer No. 2 red, 738.4724; receipts, 55.808 bushels; exports, 32,040 bushels; southern by sample, 704.784; do. on grade, 754.78. Corn dull and easy; spot, the month and July, 46%,46%; steamer mixed, 45%,45%; receipts, 263.665 bushels; exports, 73.857 bushels; southern white corn, 49 asked do, yellow, 48 asked. Oats firm; No. 2 white, 343.244; No. 2 mixed, 322.3274; receipts, 5.413 bushels. Rye dull; No. 2 nearby, 586.50; No. 2 western, 502.60; receipts, 1,876 bushels. Hay steady; No. 1 timothy, 346.316.50. Grain freights quiet, unchanged. Buter firm, unchanged; fancy imitation, 17a18; fancy cheamery, 19a20; fancy ladle, 15a16; store-packed, 11a12. Eggs firm, unchanged; fresh, 1374. Cheese firm, unchanged; large, 9; medium, 9½; small, 10. Susar firm, unchanged; fine and coarse granulated, 5.65. Baltimore Markets.

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FOUND DEAD IN HER BED FINANCE AND TRADE

Stocks Were Dull and Standard Shares Neglected.

BUYING OF WISCONSIN CENTRAL

St. Paul Corner Has Now Reached

Danger Point.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

narket was inclined to react slightly under

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star NEW YORK, June 6 .- Today's stock

decreased volume of business, in which the professional element figured conspicuously. London sent over very little business, the reduction in the Bank of England's minimum rate of discount having been too generally expected to be made a factor. The reduction in the rate is a hopeful sign nevertheless, and adds to the general fund of encouraging developments. The trading ran into the specialties for the most part, while the standard shafes were neglected. Ontario and Western was especially strong on the rumor that the foreign holdings had been bought by local houses, presumably in the interest of New York Central. Several large blocks have been sought at private sale, and something seems to be in progress. The coal stocks are looked upon as almost certain leaders after Mr. Morgan's return, recent activity in Erie being credited to interests who have had advance notice of such intention. Wisconsin Central was again strong, both the common and preferred stocks being taken, in round amounts. Rumors of buying for control were numerous but vague. Great Northern was said to have expressed a desire for ownership at one time, but it is not certain that the property is needed now that the Ruplington to the state of the st

now that the Burlington transaction has taken place.

At the meeting of Southern Pacific directors there was nothing but routine business transacted, the subject of a dividend not being considered.

Amalgamated copper was erratic, as the result of the conflicting rumors relative to the success of the plan to absorb rival concerns. Late in the day the chances seemed to favor the carrying out of the origina Louisville and Nashville was strong in the face of a dull and uninteresting mar-ket in the general list, and an attempt was

made to revive the stories of a consolida-tion. Nothing definite could be had on this point, but the buying was rather confident by interests supposed to be close to the management. The Rock Island corner is not believed to have run into dangerous limits. The pro-posed issue of new stocks to present stock-holders is regarded as sufficient explanation for the advance. It is safe to say that the speculative element which has bought into this property will not be per-mitted to overthrow the stability of the

main situation by trying to duplicate, even in a small way, the evils of the Northern The motion of Lewis Francis Mortimer, Pacific episode. Tobacco stocks were not pressed to the elry from Mrs. Olivia C. Starring, that \$192 front quite so much as usual and some tendency to realize was noticeable. The taken from him by the police officials when new concern is progressing satisfactorily and may be made the basis for a movement he was placed under arrest be returned to him will be considered by Justice Barlater on. Denver issues are strong in spite of the denial of the Missouri Pacific story, but there was less snap to the inquiry after the repudiation of that interesting rumor. Pennsylvania railroad was well bought, and would have undoubtedly been made a feature had the general market been more active. Dullness was more pronounced during the final hour, and all the business of that period was confined to the room ele-ment. Incentive to new business is lack-

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Miscellineous Bonds.—Capital Traction 4s, bid, 110 asked. Washington Traction and Electedl. 4½s, 67½ bid, 70 asked. Metropolitan E road 5s, 117 bid, 119½ asked. Metropolitan E road cert. indebt., A, 105 bid. Metropolitan E road cert. indebt., B, 105 bid. Columbia Rafiles. 117½ bid. Columbia Rafiles. 117½ bid. Columbia Rafiles.